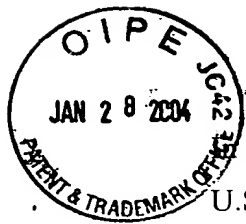


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), of Application Serial No. 09/354,815, filed on July 16, 1999, by Toshiyuki TANAKA, entitled DIGITAL CAMERA.


Please enter the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 which was previously filed on December 8, 2003 (mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2003),

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A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$1,720.00 (\$770.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and the three month extension fee of \$950.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3)), to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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